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SUBJECT: U.S. V. JOHN KING ET AL

1. ON BEHALF OF THE US ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK AND IN CONNECTION WITH A CRIMINAL TRIAL (US V. JOHN KING ET AL) SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 1976, THE SEC REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING TO HAVE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS NOW UNDER CONTROL OF GUY FONTANET, ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR CANTON OF GENEVA, RELEASED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE USG. KING AND AN ASSOCIATE WERE INDICTED IN NEW YORK IN JANUARY 1975 ON CHARGES OF MAIL FRAUD, WIFE FRAUD, SECURITIES FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY. COPY OF INDICTMENT SENT TO HIGGINS BY INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL.

2. DOCUMENTS ARE: (A) HANDWRITTEN NOTES OF JOHN SCHUYLER OF MEETINGS OF THE FUNDS OF FUNDS LTD. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR JULY 16-17, 1970; AND (B) REELS OF FILM NO. 51, 53 AND 92 OF THE IOS LTD. ANNUAL MANAGERS CONFERENCE OF AUGUST 1969.

3. BACKGROUND AS FOLLOWS: A GENEVA JUDGE, WEBER, BEGAN AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF IOS LTD. AND AFFILIATED

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COMPANIES AND EMPLOYEES IN 1973 AND ISSUED A GENEVA COURT

ORDER IN AUGUST 1973 SEIZING RECORDS OF IOS LTD, INCLUDING RECORDS LOCATED IN FERNEY VOLTAIRE, AIN, FRANCE. WEBER CAUSED THIS SWISS COURT ORDER TO BE EXECUTED IN FRANCE AND FRENCH POLICE SEALED CERTAIN FILE CABINETS IN THE IOS BUILDING IN FERNEY VOLTAIRE. THE FILE CABINET WITH THE SCHUYLER NOTES IS THE ONLY ONE REMAINING SEALED. WEBER ALSO PHYSICALLY REMOVED FROM FERNEY VOLTAIRE AND MADE PART OF HIS FILES OTHER IOS RECORDS, INCLUDING THE FILE REELS.

4. THE SEC UNDERSTANDS THAT WEBER TURNED OVER THESE MATERIALS TO JUDGE ROGER MOCK WHO IN TURN HAS PASSED THEM TO GUY FONTANET. THE CANADIAN COURT APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF IOS IS THE CLARKSON COMPANY OF MONTREAL, CANADA. ACCORDING TO THE SEC, THE CLARKSON COMPANY HAS AGREED TO RELEASE THE SCHUYLER NOTES WHEN AND IF THE GOS PERMITS. THE ATTORNEY FOR CLARKSON'S IN GENEVA IS ALBERT-LOUIS DUPONT-WILLEMIN, IO BIS, RUE DU VIEUX-COLLEGE, GENEVA.

5. COPY OF SEC (VON STEIN) LETTER TO KLINGAMAN OF DECEMBER 30 WITH FURTHER DETAILS SENT AIRMAIL TO HIGGINS. ROBINSON

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